

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-8 and 10-15 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the taxiing step is controlled in response to temperature and speed of the vehicle. This requirement was previously included in original claim 9. Claim 10 has been amended to specify that the vehicle control taxis the vehicle to the waypoint in response to temperature and speed of the vehicle. This requirement was previously included in original claim 16. Claims 8 and 15 have been editorially amended. Claims 9 and 16 have been canceled.

In Section 7 of the Detailed Action portion of the Office Action, claims 9 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the above list of claims, amended claim 1 is equivalent to original claim 9 rewritten in independent form, and amended claim 10 is equivalent to original claim 16 rewritten in independent form. All of the other remaining claims depend from either amended claim 1 or amended claim 10. Therefore, all pending claims are believed to be allowable.

In Section 5 of the Detailed Action portion of the Office Action, claims 1-8 and 10-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over McTamaney et al. (5,170,352). This rejection is moot in view of the above claim amendments.

In Section 6 of the Detailed Action portion of the Office Action, claims 1, 8, 10 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kapadia et al. (6,606,035). This rejection is moot in view of the above claim amendments.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that all pending claims are patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in connection with this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (412) 263-4399 to discuss such matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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